## MINUTES OF MEETING PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:28 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

## **Members Present**

Carl Eisenmann, Esq., **Chair**Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Thomas J. Rechen, Esq.
Honorable Susan S. Reynolds

## **Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Special Public Defender Contract Extensions.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Public Defender Contract Extensions as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Stanley M. Morillo to the position of Public Defender Clerk, Habeas Corpus Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of <u>State vs. Joshua Komisarjevsky</u>, at a rate of one-half of the requested amount. Chair Eisenmann abstained from the vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to authorize the Chief Public Defender to submit a request to the Office of Policy and Management for additional funding of the racial disparity study.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:06 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to re-advertise the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Jonathan C. Newman to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Megan L. Weiss to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Victoria A. Pells to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Public Defender, Christopher M. Cosgrove, Litchfield Judicial District, expiring on 2/9/14; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Michael K. Courtney, Capital Defense and Trial Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 2/27/14; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Richard J. Perry, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 2/27/14; and Assistant Public Defender, Damian T. Tucker, Litchfield Judicial District, expiring on 2/27/14.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Charity J. Hemingway, Tolland Judicial District/ Geographical Area 19; and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer Mellon, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to decrease the employee mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.50 per mile, effective February 1, 2010.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow

Deputy Chief Public Defender